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Re Application of)
Ketonen, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/082,495)
Filed: February 22, 2002)
For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR**)
MODIFYING AND TRANSMITTING)
DATA BETWEEN A PORTABLE)
COMPUTER AND A NETWORK)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be made part of the official record in the above caption application and that it be considered upon a review of the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, line 5, please amend the following paragraph of the specification to read as follows:

This application is a continuation in part of co-pending U.S. Patent application No. 09/696,558 filed October 25, 2000 titled "Autonomous local assistant for managing business processes" which is also hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional application No. 60/271,170 filed February 23, 2001